

Ridge to Reef Watershed Project

R2RW

Project Overview

R2RW Objective

**Natural resources under
improved and sustainable
management in identified
watersheds**

R2RW STRATEGY

Build Strategic Partnerships to bring together the economic social and environmental dimensions of sustainable watershed management

This will be achieved through building simple, rapid and practical processes for mobilizing partners at the local level to assist stakeholders within the targeted watersheds to address environmental and natural resources management issues

PRINCIPLES OF IMPLEMENTATION

- **Demand-driven**
- **Results oriented**
- **Sustainable & collaborative -- working through strategic partners**
- **Focused, practical, flexible, and doable**
- **Buttressed - with Technical Assistance**

Project Components

- 1 Through targeted organizations, sustainable environmental management practices by resource users identified and promoted**
- 2 Incentives for and obstacles to enforcement of targeted existing environmental regulations identified and solutions supported**
- 3 Capacity of Jamaican government agencies, international donors, and private-sector and civil society organizations to implement effective watershed management programs enhanced**

Cross-Cutting Themes

- **Grants & fund leveraging**
- **Integration of gender considerations**
- **Public awareness & education**
- **Performance monitoring**

Component 1 Activities

- **Complete Baseline Assessment**
- **Stimulate Communication and Public Awareness**
- **Support the Adoption of Targeted Improved Practices**
- **Enhance Community Involvement**
- **Encourage Private Sector Participation**

Component 1: Current Focus

- **Feasibility of a Nursery at Montpellier**
- **Demonstration Project on sanitation solutions**
- **Proposal on long-term sanitation program**
- **Public Awareness training**

Component 2



Component 2 Activities

- **Inventory of Regulatory Framework**
- **Advise NEPA on Legal Reform**
- **Policy Improvement**
- **Improved Legal Enforcement Capacity**
- **Economic Incentives/Disincentives**
- **Public Awareness**
- **Community-Based Enforcement**
- **Advocacy**

Component 2: Current Focus

- **Draft Policy and Legislative Framework**
- **Comprehensive review of Framework by Legal and Enforcement Personnel**
- **Design of a course on Lobbying and Advocacy**

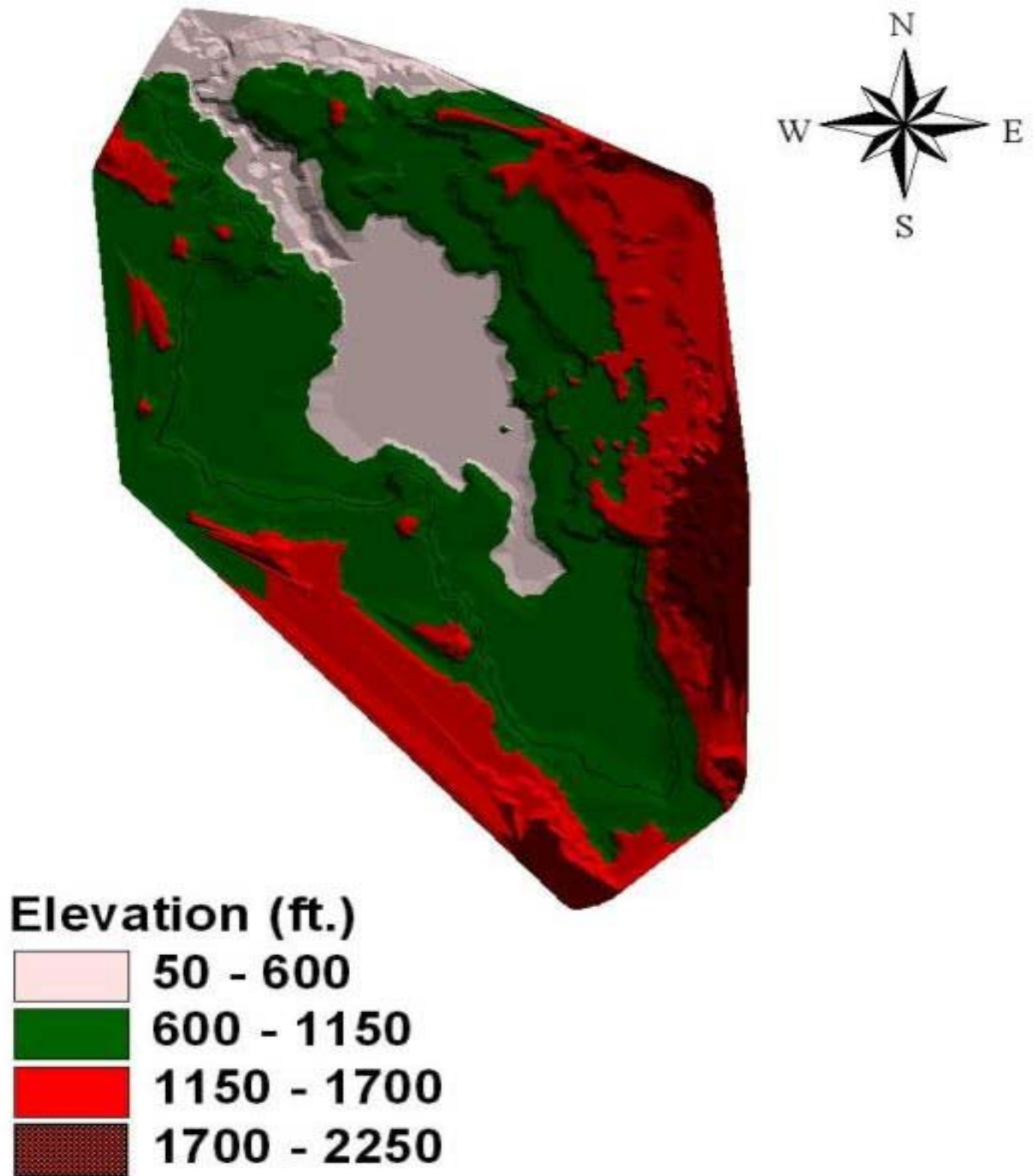
Component 3 Activities

- Enhance NEPA's Capacity in Watershed Management
- Increase public sector involvement
- Develop EE programs in watershed management
- Facilitate Coordination Mechanisms
- Training
- Special Studies

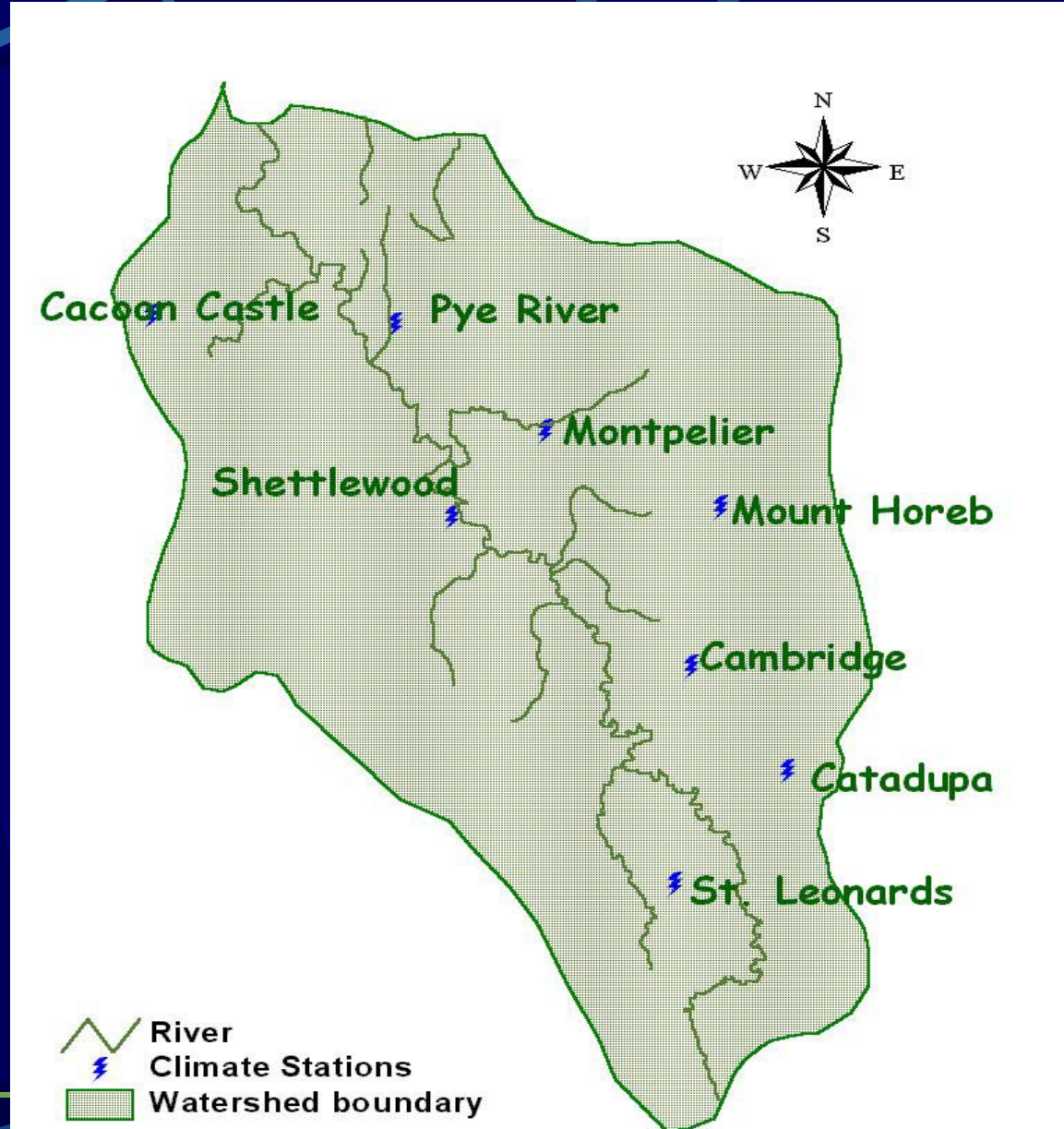
Component 3: Current Focus

- **Procurement of Equipment for Environmental Officers**
- **Building coordination mechanisms**
 - **National – NIWMC**
 - **Watershed: GRWMC and Task Forces**

Topography of the Great River Watershed



Towns in the GRW









Issues and Opportunities

- **Building Strategic Partnerships**
- **Governance**
- **Enhancing Institutional Coordination**

Building Strategic Partnerships

- **Implementation done through partners**
- **Multitude of State Agencies, Private Sector, NGOs and CBOs**
- **Act on their own mandates**
- **Challenge: building consensus, getting involvement**

Governance

- **Study on Governance and watershed Management**
- **Many State Agencies, Many Laws, but little actual enforcement**
- **Little effective coordination – all report back to Kingston**
- **Challenge: Develop mechanisms for accountability**

Enhancing Institutional Coordination

- **Establishment of the GRWMC**
- **Establishment of Task Forces**
 - **Production and Marketing**
 - **Water and Sanitation**
 - **Compliance and Enforcement**
 - **Public Awareness**
- **Challenge: Develop activities for joint action**



Project Management

- **Main clients are USAID & NEPA-NRCA**
- **Project Staff**
- **Coordinating Mechanisms**
 - **Inter-agency Steering Committee (quarterly)**
 - **Project Implementation Committee (monthly)**
 - **NEPA Senior Managers Meetings (bi-weekly)**
 - **Advisory Groups**
- ✓ **Administrative Support Center (ASC)**
- ✓ **ARD Home Office Support (STA, PM, procurement, finance, recruiting)**

Lessons Learned

- ✓ Involve stakeholders in the selection, planning, designing, managing and implementation of projects.
- ✓ Target training both the community level and implementing agents
- ✓ Criteria for selecting beneficiaries must not exclude those most vulnerable
- ✓ Technologies should be familiar, and not require major changes to adopt
- ✓ Incentives need to be carefully considered
- ✓ Flexibility must be designed into project mechanisms to adopt to unforeseen circumstances
- ✓ Commitment and enthusiasm of managers is important is achieving project success.

The Future

- ✓ **Work Plan Retreat**
- ✓ **Close collaboration with the Watershed Branch**
- ✓ **Continue to build capacities of partners**
- ✓ **Expand into the Rio Grande**
- ✓ **Focus on Coordination Mechanisms**
- ✓ **Joint implementation of targeted activities**
- ✓ **Provide leadership to the change process**

